

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 264  
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor Nell Whitaker on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Nell Whitaker is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 31 years with Athens Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Nell Whitaker exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Sevier County High School, Nell Whitaker received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitaker also received her guidance certification from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Nell Whitaker began her meritorious career in education, teaching for six months in Greene County and then six and one-half years in the Meigs County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Whitaker served with acumen as president of the Athens Education Association and for three years was the principal of Fairview School in Meigs County; and

WHEREAS, she has also been a Career Ladder Level III teacher as well as a stalwart supporter of drug education; and

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WHEREAS, Nell Whitaker is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including president of the Evening Pilot Club and treasurer of the P.T.A.; and

WHEREAS, Nell Whitaker has been the recipient of several awards, including the McMinn County Professional Business Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Nell Whitaker is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Athens; and

WHEREAS, her countless accomplishments aside, Nell Whitaker is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Howard, their three daughters, Cindy Whitaker Russell, Angel Whitaker Elliot and Karen Whitaker Barnette, and six grandchildren; Patricia Dean Russell, Wesley Scott Russell, Charles Andrew Elliot, Nathan Barnette, Jordon Barnette and Katrina Barnette; and

WHEREAS, Nell's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Nell Whitaker our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.